

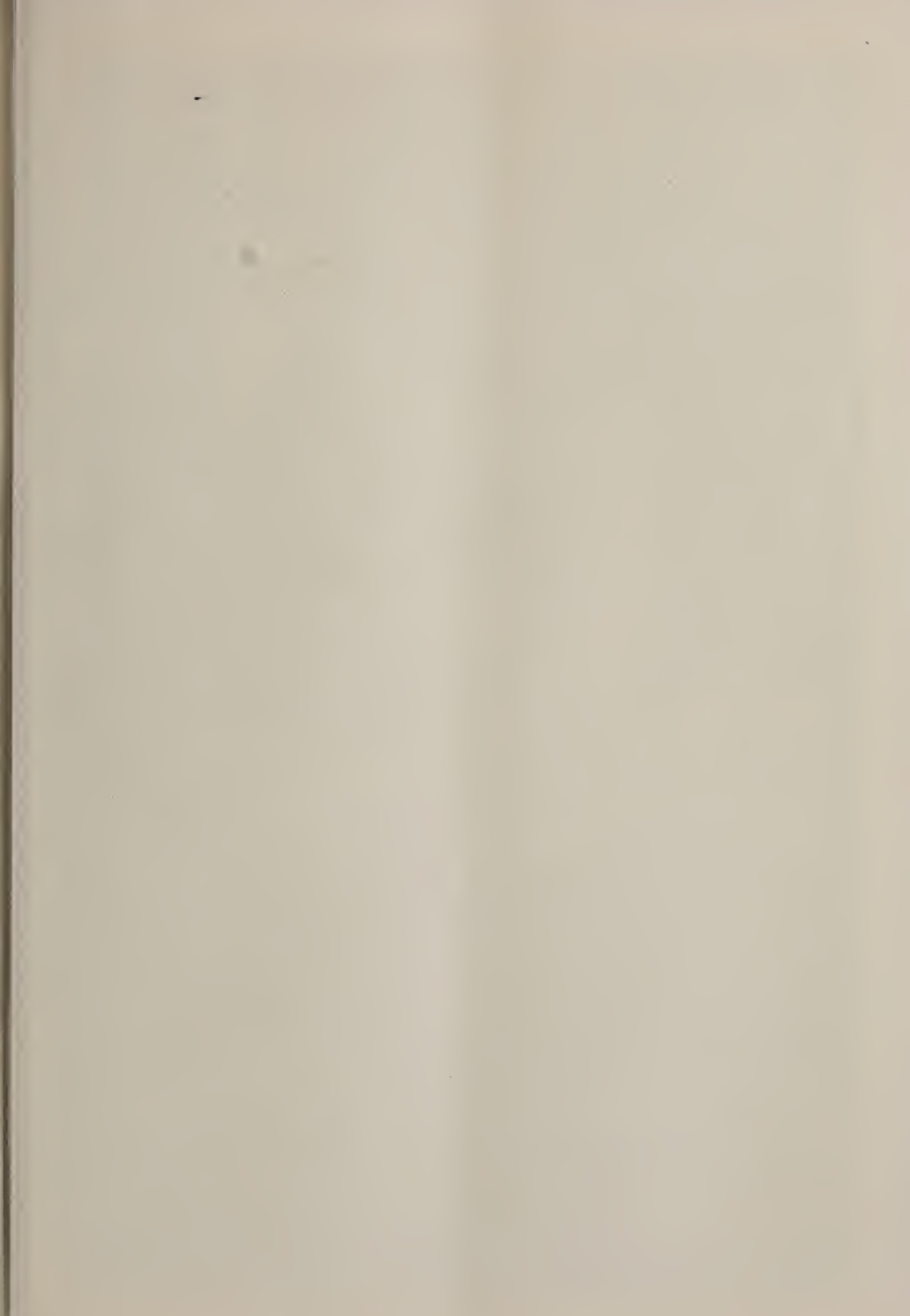


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VARIOUS KINDS OF WORK.—MR. AND MRS. NISHIMURA, ASSISTANTS, ARE BEHIND THE THREE GIRLS AT THE SEWING TABLE. (See page 532.)

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A joyful feature of the annual meeting of the Springfield Branch was the appearance, almost unexpected, of Miss Abbie M. Colby, of Osaka, Japan, one of their own missionaries. She had just arrived, and has come for her furlough. Miss Caroline E. Bush, returning from Harpoot in Eastern Turkey, arrived on November 13th. Dr. and Mrs. Eaton, of Chihuahua, Mexico, have visited our Rooms recently, and expect to return soon to their field, with health much improved. Miss Jean P. Gordon, of Wai, in the Marathi Mission, who has spent the summer with friends in Canada, is in this vicinity for a few weeks. Miss Belle Nugent, of Ahmednagar, and Miss Elizabeth Johnson, just going out as nurse in the hospital in that city, sailed on November 21st for Naples.

Miss Ellen C. Parsons, formerly a W. B. M. missionary in Constantinople, and now editor of *Woman's Work*, the magazine of the Presbyterian women, kindly tells us that Mianzara Kaprilian, author of "Home Missionary Work in Turkey," in our November number, is a graduate of the home school for girls in Constantinople instead of at Brousa, as stated. Miss Parsons adds: "Vivid to my recollection is that Sunday night when I held a prayer meeting with the older Armenian girls, and pressed upon them their own need of Christ, of whom they had so long heard, and their duty to accept and follow him. I asked them, in closing, to go by themselves and pray, and it was no great surprise to me that those of them most thoughtful and obedient came to me an hour afterwards with bright faces, and said they had surrendered. Mianzara's explanation was: 'This verse has taken hold of me, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick."' If I have any joy and crown for the years I gave to Constantinople it is four or five good and leading women in the Evangelical Armenian Church to-day, and two of them became Christians that night."

Mrs. Winslow was the wife of Rev. Miron Winslow, D.D., for forty-four years missionary of the American Board in Madras, India. She passed on

MRS. MIRON WINSLOW. to her heavenly home, October 12th, aged 95 years. Mrs. Winslow. Capron writes: "When I was eight years old, on a visit to Boston with my mother, my sister and I were sent to a day school for little children, conducted by three sisters, the Misses Reed. It was a lovely

school, and the memory of it ever after, delightful. Some years later when a student in the State Normal School, West Newton, I found Miss Ellen Reed, the youngest of the sisters, who was a resident in the place, and the friendship has threaded its way through all the years since. When she was brought to India in 1857, by Rev. Dr. Winslow, I bade her welcome by letter, and though our homes were far apart the companionship was kept sympathetic and neighborly. Since her return from India Mrs. Winslow has retained a vivid interest in the work and workers in that land, and her ministries to those about her have been unceasing and beautiful. Always present at the Friday morning meetings of the Woman's Board when



MRS. MIRON WINSLOW

able to do so, and her voice often heard in prayer, and also always found during the meetings of the Week of Prayer in the rooms of the Young Women's Christian Association, her familiar form and serene face will long be remembered. The lengthening years were thus beautifully illumined by glad service, and the revelation of the deep and calm spiritual life within. Her swift and painless departure was like an ascension."

We are sure that all who are engaged in the United Study lessons of the present season will read with delight the new leaflet entitled "The Opening

NEW Door to Moslem Homes," by our beloved and honored Miss LEAFLET. Caroline E. Bush, for thirty-eight years in the mission at Harpoot. The incidents related are graphically told, and the spiritual power of this gifted worker is revealed as one follows her into the homes of those women, waiting for a messenger of light and love. Price, 5 cents.

We rejoice that "contributions for the regular pledged work of the Board have outstripped our expectations, and we have received the large

THE sum of \$123,091.88 for this part of our work." But unusual TREASURY. expenses for missionaries and a great decrease in legacies leave us with nearly \$10,000 less to our credit than we need. "The goal of twenty per cent advance in Branch contributions set for ourselves in 1902 is still unattained, our present figures showing a gain of only fifteen per cent. It is self-evident that the sum of \$120,000 will not provide for our missionary work unless supplemented by large bequests." The meeting of Branch officers took up this matter, and appointed a special committee to consider it. That committee make the following report, which we commend to the earnest attention of all our readers:—

The committee appointed to consider the present condition and needs of the treasury of the Woman's Board would report that we have carefully and prayerfully considered the fact that at present there is lacking ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to carry on the work of the year 1909. We are unanimous in the judgment that this \$10,000 is absolutely necessary in order that the work for 1909 should not be crippled. Through the collections of yesterday and this morning, collections in the open meetings and through personal efforts, \$1,200 of this \$10,000 have been raised since the appointment of this committee, but \$8,800 still remains to be raised.

Therefore we recommend that the Branches make an effort to raise this sum. We do not ask the Branches to pledge any fixed sum, or to use any fixed method, but we do ask them to make immediate, determined and prayerful effort. We make the following suggestions:—

1. That this money be raised inside of one month so as not to interfere with the contributions of the coming year, and that the Executive Committee may know the sum available to be appropriated for the work of 1909. 2. That the money can be raised in the following ways: (a) By personal appeal to individuals—to the woman of means, to the non-contributing woman, and to the woman who can give but little; (b) by direct application to auxiliaries; (c) by appeals to life members.

We appreciate the fact that the Branches have been doing their best to raise their apportionment, but we feel strongly that this extra effort ought to be made to raise this sum. (Signed) Alice B. Cook, Suffolk Branch; Emma L. Bridges, Philadelphia Branch; Mary P. Welles, Hartford Branch; Martha T. Buckham, Vermont Branch; Emma M. Turner, New York State Branch, Chairman.

During the year from October 18, 1907, to the same date in 1908 our treasurer has received in contributions for the regular pledged work of the THE ANNUAL REPORT Board, \$123,091.88. Gifts specially designated OF THE TREASURER. for buildings amount to \$11,713.50, and those for other special objects sum up \$3,446.50.

We hear much latterly of missions in the Sunday school, and a great field for rewarding effort lies in that direction. Why not missions in week-day A TEACHERS' schools also? Were all our day school teachers Christian UNION. men and women this would come about almost inevitably. Who can study the geography of the Orient, of Africa, of South America, and learn of the backward, degraded, suffering peoples in those lands, and not long to share with them the gifts which Christianity has brought so richly to us? Some of our German friends have realized the possibilities of kindling interest in school children, and a Teachers' Missionary Union, founded in Berlin in 1902, already numbers about one thousand three hundred, and like societies have sprung up in other parts of the empire. The funds gathered go to some existing missionary society, and all have the same aim, to interest school children in mission work, and taking a share in bringing the kingdom of our Lord.

MISS JUDSON'S SCHOOLS IN MATSUYAMA, JAPAN

BY MISS CORNELIA JUDSON

(See frontispiece.)

THE night school is a growing institution, now numbering one hundred and thirty-two. As our high school work becomes known more widely in the city, we shall have an increasing number of promising, earnest young men, who are exceedingly grateful for this opportunity, never before given to the working class, of developing themselves into educated men. It is wonderful to see the change that three years of study makes in their faces and expressions. Any one who could see their faces all alight and eager in lesson time, and so earnest and intelligent—and especially who could see them with their Bibles would pick them out for Christian students. Their faces say it in the second and third years. But when they enter the school their faces tell the lack of moral education and very little of any other kind.

In the night school all but one of the second-year and third-year students have asked for baptism, and that one undoubtedly has faith. Perhaps he realizes the difficulties more than others and is more thoughtful. He is a

serious thinker. They desired to be baptized at the communion service before the summer vacation, but we put them off until the fall.

We must have a chapel for the night school, and get hold of the homes from which these students come, as well as the homes from which the girls of the girls' school come. That is a work that I am waiting to get at, when an associate shall be given me.

These boys must continue to find the night school their gathering place at night, where when we can no longer continue to provide a fixed course for them, they can go on doing some studying and can have a reading room stocked with good books and magazines. How can we ever say to them that, having finished the night school course, they must turn to the streets, the theatre, or worse, as their only refuge from the unattractive, huddled, noisy homes from which so many of them come?

My next hope for the night school is a chapel and reading room, with plenty of good books and magazines, and a gymnasium of some sort, and a room where they can have some games and fun. There are thousands of these young men in Matsuyama alone to whom no inspiration toward a pure and noble life has been

given, nor any opportunity to live such a life. What chance is there for them, if when they are compelled, after leaving the primary school, to work all day amid a constant play of vile talk and jokes, there is nothing for them at night but noisy homes where the same talk prevails, or, for amusement, the streets with all their temptations, or the theatre and worse? The night school is a door through which they pass into a new land where Christ is Teacher, and knowledge and pure delights beckon them, and they suddenly discover that they are called to be more than beasts—that they are called to walk with Christ, and that he will lead them up, up, forever.



MISS JUDSON, WITH HER ASSISTANTS

No wonder they love the night school, and desire no vacations, even during the summer.

Please pray that the night school shall guide them straight up on the road to heaven, and shall make of them genuine and burning Christians, like Peter and John, who were only fishermen. What may not one of these lives achieve? Even a book sometimes awakens a soul—what may

not these strong young men do for workingmen, when he himself has been set on fire by the Holy Spirit? Please join me in prayer that God will raise up, out of this school, a Paul, to also work with his hands and preach the gospel.

In the girls' school, three have openly confessed their faith and expressed their desire to be received into the Church of Christ. We put them off also until the fall, that during the summer vacation they may seek to win their relatives' consent, but they have taken the pledge of the active members in the Christian Endeavor Society. They are in the third-year class, and have a year and two terms more before graduation, so I shall advise them to wait, with prayer, for their parents consent. Possibly it will be given soon. Others of the third and second year classes have confessed their faith but have not yet come to the point of facing their relatives and asking for baptism. I hope and pray for a harvest this fall, when the girls have come together again. I think the foundations have been laid. Please pray for us that the Lord will grant us a true revival and a rich ingathering during the coming school year. I feel as if the time were ripe for it. Please pray for these two



ONE OF MISS JUDSON'S FIRST PUPILS
IN NIGHT SCHOOL

schools, that Christ shall be Lord and Master in them, and that during this next year they shall be so filled with his Holy Spirit that every soul shall be moved to know its Saviour.

Our high school department is growing beautifully and we shall graduate

our first class next spring. After this third-year class has graduated, I shall change the English work for the third year, using different books from those already used, and combine the graduate students with the next year third-year class, for like "the brook" they want to "go on forever." One of the lovely, encouraging things about the night school is that the students are eager for their lessons; they would not even have a summer vacation, if they could help it. In another year I must provide a fourth-year course, or rather a post-graduate course, in which classes can combine after their graduation.



GIRLS LIVING IN THE DORMITORY; THEIR TEACHERS AND THREE PARENTS

These young men in the high school department, whose numbers are steadily increasing, and who are earnestly studying the Bible, are going to be one of the greatest forces in Shikoku for the uplifting of a new standard, the showing forth of a new life in their class in society. No work has hitherto been done to give to the working boy the hope that he might grow up to the "perfect man, into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." It is wonderful what an ambition the holding up of new ideals and a new hope has awakened in these young men. God grant that they may become "lay evangelists," and that the night school may be his way of bringing salvation to thousands who are now living a merely animal life, without much thought that there is anything else. May God grant to raise up a Moody in this school, who shall preach the gospel to the masses.

WORK IN MICRONESIA

BY MISS JENNY OLIN, TEACHER IN THE KUSAIEN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

I AM doubly glad that we are to stay here, because the more I see of the Kusaiens the better I understand their language, and the closer I come in contact with them, the greater appears the need. And while we stay here we can always help them a little.

May 1st I went to Lelu for the monthly church meeting. The village schools were not very well maintained last year, owing partly to the rebuilding of the Lelu church and partly to general indifference and lack of initiative. So I wished to stir them up to do better, now that the church is finished, and the monthly meeting would be the most convenient time to see a large number of them together. After their business was finished I told them my thoughts on the subject. They listened attentively, and when I had finished they appointed teachers for each of the five principal villages. All they needed was to have some one tell them what to do. Two of the teachers began the next Monday, and the rest the week following. The great drawback is that they have nothing to work with—no books, slates, pencils nor anything else. It makes it very much harder for the teacher where he has to provide everything from his own mind. Some of those appointed to teach objected because they were not fitted to be teachers. It is really true, but they are the best we have, and they can at least teach the children to read and write, even if they do not do much more. Later in the day I was talking over things with a number of them; when they complained of having no educated people to be teachers, I said, jokingly, "I will have to take in some more boys in the girls' school and teach them." "Yes, do that," was the immediate answer, rather to my surprise, for I had not imagined them to be so ready to give up their sons for this work. Later, Rebecca told me that her husband said I could have his son Ralph, born last February, for our school; or, if it would take too long for Ralph to grow up, he would send his own little brother instead. There are a large number of boys, from ten to fourteen years of age, who would make an ideal boys' school, if one only had the time to give to them. Sometimes I wish I could do this work. By taking them young enough and teaching them, they might be saved from some of the moral pitfalls which are in their way and cause so many of them to stumble in their early young manhood. The Junior Endeavor Society is doing something toward this, but they need more than that. If they had any home life it would be different, but even our best homes here are not ideal for children.

I spent a pleasant two weeks at Lelu just before Easter, waiting for the

steamer. The people were busy doing the last things in and about the church, and practicing for the dedication. The women helped to white-wash the walls of the church, inside and out, and in cleaning away the rubbish, rebuilding the stone wall surrounding the church yard, etc. They also brought gravel and sand for the yard and paths. Everything looked nice and clean. No one, however, knew how to dedicate a church, so they left the arrangement of that to me. I did not know much more about it than they did, but happened upon a dedication service which Mrs. Dr. Pease had sent me some time ago with some other papers; so I took that for my model, translating such parts as needed to be translated, and adapting the rest to the attainments of people in singing. April 17th Miss Wilson and the girls came, and on Sunday we celebrated Easter and communion in the morning, and dedicated the church in the afternoon. Everything went on pleasantly, and everybody seemed pleased with themselves and with one another. The new lamps for the church were much admired, and they certainly were an improvement on anything they ever had there within my recollection.



PACIFIC ISLAND SHORE

On Monday a big feast was prepared, and at 5 P. M. the bell rang to call everybody to the feast. One cow, one large turtle, and I do not know how many pigs, had been sacrificed for the occasion. It had been a hot, dry day so we could assemble out of doors. The food was divided into portions, one for us of the girls' school, one for the king, one for the trader here, and one each for the different villages. Then we were called to come and sit in our places. The gravel of the churchyard furnished a nice, clean table, as well as seats for most of the people. We foreigners had a bench to sit on. When all was ready, Palikna made a speech, thanking the people, the king and the chiefs for such help as they had given toward the building. Then the blessing was asked and people were invited to partake. Our portion of the feast furnished food enough for all our girls for two days, so you can imagine the size of it. It is the expected thing to carry home whatever one cannot eat, at a feast or any

other time. It took all the girls and several men to carry home the remains of our portion. Early the next morning I took most of the girls home, leaving Miss Wilson to await the steamer.

I am very glad there is some prospect of a new helper, and hope one may be found soon. Miss Wilson is looking forward to some one's coming, either Miss Hoppin or some one else, so that she can be released to go home.



NEEDING A SCHOOL

The latest word from Dr. Rife, relative to touring in the Marshalls, is not very encouraging. He says at first the German Company promised him a captain if he could secure Kabua's vessel to come here. They will not let him come alone in one of their vessels, as he is no navigator, except as he has learned from experience. Dr. Rife got the promise of Kabua's vessel for August, but then the Germans turned and said they did not know as they cared to let one of their captains go. They fear that if the vessel is lost they may be called on to pay for it. That is the way things stand now, as far as I know. Of course I have to get ready for touring, as, if Dr. Rife comes, there ought not to be any time wasted. But things are decidedly uncertain, and there is no opportunity to hear again before September.

The letters from the Marshalls tell of much illness there, and many people's dying. The English steamer brought the measles, and many people had them, among others, Dr. Rife's little girls, and also some of the boys who are with him. Two of them had them very seriously. Chicken pox, whooping cough and dysentery were other sicknesses mentioned. The different vessels bring them, and the people have no time to get over one before another one comes. Several of our teachers lost children, some with the whooping cough, others with dysentery.

IN the chapter on "Giving" in the Mahabharata, the great epic of India, it is written: "A man who has ten cows should give one, and the man who has one hundred cows should give ten, and the man who has one thousand should give one hundred, all giving proportionately."

EAGER FOR SCHOOL

BY MISS BERTHA P. REED, OF PEKING

THE little school at the North Chapel has opened with a flourish. I really think it might be called a flourish, for its popularity seems so great. It surely goes to show that the desire of girls for education is a growing one among us. The fortunate girls who have been there before are all back again, as happy as can be to be together once more. And there are others who want to come so much, and we should so love to **take them** all, if it were not for the limitations imposed by four walls.



SCHOOL WITH TEACHER AT THE RIGHT

We have four rooms up there with k'angs for sleeping on. We thought we were full last term, with seventeen boarders, and as many day pupils in addition. But there was a little girl at Lu Ke Chiao who wanted to come. We said we did not see where we could put her, she was young, and she had better wait another year. But that did not suit at all. The church down there took it up for her, and sent up a most urgent request, so Mrs. Yen said, "Well, we'll get along some way; I guess we can put one more in the large room; let her come." So come she did, and there are eight of them sleeping together on one k'ang now. And then we said, "Cer-

tainly there is no place for another." But here comes a request from one of our most faithful deacons in a village near by. There, many years he has worked hard for the church against great difficulties; and now he wants us to take in the daughter of a church member in his court. The child's two sisters are married into heathen families. Her mother is not a Christian, and her father is very anxious to have her go school, and have a chance to grow up in the church. He wants her away from home and under Christian influences. And so the deacon urges the case. "If there is not room in the k'ang," he says, "she can put her bedding on the floor, and sleep there." And actually, she is going to come. I do not know whether she will really have to sleep on the floor or not, but I should not wonder much if she did.

Little Wen Kuei looks so glad to get back. She is the one who wanted to come so much, and who cried and cried about it, before it was possible for her to come. She had to watch the pigs at home—the big, black, ugly ones they have here. And she did not want to do that, she wanted to go to school. So now she is very happy. When her father came up for her before the vacation, it had been snowing, and the roads were very bad, but he walked all the twenty-five miles, for he was too poor to come in any other way. He would have been glad to have her stay here through the vacation, but that could not be, so I gave him enough money to hire a donkey for her to ride home. They are very poor this year, for the crops were almost ruined by the floods last summer, and I suppose they hardly have enough to eat now. It is a wonder of wonders to me how such people manage even to keep alive, for they have so nearly nothing to live on, but somehow, they do manage it. I think they have learned to keep alive on much less than would serve us for the same purpose.

SCHOOL WORK IN NORTH CHINA

BY MISS BERTHA P. REED, PEKING

I REMEMBER the past term as a composite of all kinds of hurry and study. Classes were many, and needed much preparation, especially one with a *Wen-li* text-book that I was teaching for the first time. When school closed, late in June, I was undeniably tired and ready for a complete vacation. And so I have taken a real rest—my first summer here without any study or other useful occupation. I went to Peitaiho early in July, and gave myself up to long times of sleeping, and taking long walks, and other such things that are good for the body—and also, I think, for the soul. But now I am back, getting ready for school, and feeling quite energetic again. What a blessing our cool summer resting place is to us all!

You might like to hear more of the connection of our school here with outside schools, as we call the new ones entirely under Chinese control. In the early spring we were asked to attend an annual exhibition at a large school in the west city, an hour's trip from here. We were also asked to send an exhibit, and as we do not do any of the knitting and embroidery which they make much of, we sent sets of examination papers, specimens of writing, and so on. It seemed to be one of the ways to show our very



SCHOOLGIRLS AT PLAY, NORTH CHINA MISSION

friendly feelings, and to show too our idea of school work. We are eager to help these new schools in any such way that we can, but they do not want advice, so we must watch to use object lessons where we can. They seemed much pleased with this exhibit.

We spent a large part of that day at their school. You would consider their method of entertainment rather unique. First, all their own teachers went to the stage and made speeches which no one could hear. Then came

the turn of their pupils, and next that of visiting teachers. They searched the audience with ferret eyes, and there was no hiding from them. All who had the remotest claim to the position of instructor were dragged forth and led to the stage to say "just a few words." It was dismaying but inevitable, and we did the best we could. Next time I shall have my impromptu speech carefully prepared beforehand. And some time I trust they will have learned to entertain their visitors, instead of getting the visitors to edify each other in this manner. As we often say, this is a time of beginnings.

We tried another plan at the time of our final examinations in June. The mornings we gave to quiet written examinations, but in the afternoon we invited people in, and the girls gave little talks in the different subjects, with illustrations, all prepared beforehand. Those in zoology, physical geography, physics and chemistry could be made especially interesting. We had a surprising number of guests, teachers from different schools and women of education in the city, and we considered the plan a great success for them, as well as a training for our own girls in speaking before others.

I also continue to give lessons in gymnastics at an outside school, and am considered a member of their faculty. I was much interested in being asked to give the name of my college and date of graduation for the Board of Education, as that school comes under its jurisdiction. Our gymnastics there still have their shortcomings. I do not believe the little tots ever can learn to keep step in marching, but we keep trying. One day one of the assistants, always anxious to be of use, noticed as we were marching that a child's hairstring was loose, and stopped the entire line while she arranged it! Then the marching proceeded again, no one noticing anything incongruous. The lady at the head of that school is unusually zealous, and has had her pupils come twice a week all summer for a half day of review, so that they should not forget too much by fall.

In our own school we have had some interesting outside girls. We have just begun the experiment of taking such girls of the higher class who meet their own expenses altogether. One of them has become a very sweet and earnest Christian, and united with the church last Easter. She listens eagerly to all the talks given at prayers, and her sweet face has come to be an inspiration to all the teachers. Another, the daughter of an official, has had a different life. She has been much neglected at home, and has had far more freedom than most Chinese girls, so that her gay, careless ways seem quite startling to our more sedate flock. Yet she has made many friends among them in her few months here. She, too, seemed much touched by the Christian truth, especially at Easter time, and expressed her

wish to live by it. She has prayed often since then that her father and mother might become Christians. We shall watch with hope to see if she has sufficient resolution to hold out, as she comprehends more fully what the Christian life means. We were glad for the deep interest among all our girls in the meetings of Easter week. Eight of them entered the church after that, among them some who have held off long.

My trips to the country on alternate Sundays have given me another deeply interesting kind of work. On the bright spring days there would often be quite a crowd of women, and always they have listened intently as I tried to make them see what God would do for them now and here—



WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY, NORTH CHINA

after. One pathetic old lady repeated often, "I can love Jesus, and he loves me; if I ask him, he will help me in trouble. Her religious knowledge was limited to that much, but how much is there if she will but use it. There is something that especially pulls on the heartstrings in these old ladies, with the hardships of the past and the hopelessness of the future, and I do pray that some of them may come to understand the hope they may have this coming year.

I want to add a word about Miss Browne. Her illness was one of the strange ones that people get out here—a germ infection which came on very suddenly, though she had seemed quite well before it. She seems now to have entirely recovered, and I assure you she has been overwhelmed with good advice. We are all glad that she is having such a delightful summer in Japan, and I think she is going to begin the fall in very good condition.

I do not need to tell you who know her that she has done wonders in language study as well as in all her other work. Her school has grown much and is a real model, and she has had a part in other lines of work, so that she is a very valuable member of the station. Yet all are interested in guarding her, and trying to keep her from overwork. They are more glad each year that she came to them in Tung-chou.

A MAHOMEDAN SAINT IN MADURA

BY MISS EVA M. SWIFT

(Miss Swift is a missionary of the W. B. M. I., and has charge of the Bible Women's Training School in Madura.)

SOMETHING more than a hundred years ago Madura was a walled town, and the fort was garrisoned by Mahomedan troops. In those days the star of the Mahomedan power was in the ascendancy. The star has waned since, but there are still ten thousand Mahomedans in the city who carry the memory of rule and authority. So, while many are poor, they bear themselves with the air of the lord and master, and are hard indeed to reach with the message of salvation to the humble sinner.

In a small town of this south country has lived for twenty-five years, a frail, delicate English woman, whose father was once a government official in that region. Alone, unsupported by any mission, unvisited for many years at a time by any person of her own race and language, she has lived and labored with the zeal of an apostle, and has suffered with the enthusiasm of a martyr. Some of the most wonderful stories of missionary life have never yet been written, and some of the most devoted of God's servants are little known to any but the "Heavenly Father, who seeth in secret."

There are many Mahomedans in the town where this little woman lives. It was her custom to preach up and down the country side, reaching the villages, several miles away, by four o'clock in the morning, to speak to the country folk before they went to work in the fields. Having no conveyance she tramped twenty miles a day, returning in the blazing sun to the little native house where she lived with the Tamil orphan children she was caring for.

Caste, pride and prejudice were rife in this town. The English lady, delicately reared, the daughter of a ruler of the land, would go up and down the dirty lanes and try to get a hearing for the heavenly message. She was not allowed to enter the doors, but standing out in the middle of the street, so that the breeze blowing over her to them should not pollute their sacred

purity, the people would sometimes give her their careless attention. But more often she was rudely ordered away with insolent and taunting speech. Yet when the people over all the country side were sick or in trouble, their thoughts would turn to the lonely saint in the little house, and they would seek her out, that she might minister to their need.

In this place was a Mahomedan family of pride and place. The head of the house had been an officer in an Indian regiment and was enjoying the distinction of a good pension. They had flocks and herds, and these in such number that they counted for wealth. There were sons and daughters, and all seemed well. But in a moment, as with the Patriarch Job, flocks and herds, and sons and daughters were swept away. There were theft and robbery, fraud and deception, and afterward, great grief and bitter crying. In the midst, the Patriarch himself was taken away, and there were left a grief-stricken woman and a puny, sickly child. As the little English woman was passing along the street she heard loud wails and cries. It was a time of famine and many people were starving. Thinking the people must be in need, she passed in to inquire if she could help. She heard this sad story and sat down by the sorrowing woman to speak words of comfort. Thus began the visits to that home and the teaching and pleading that at last brought that sad creature to the feet of Jesus. But, as usual, there were relatives who proposed to control each other's conscience, and who were determined that no follower of the great prophet should leave the fold; hence, there remained the usual alternative—stay at home and give up Christ, or keep Christ and lose all. She determined to keep Christ, and the door closed upon her and she wandered out alone—yet not alone. The lady's door was open and she entered there. But it was soon necessary to close that, and bar it, too; for there was a furious mob of men and boys on the outside with sticks and stones. Windows were broken and blows fell on the doors, and for weeks the women inside dared not show themselves. There was no one to help them, nor to show this insolent mob that they might be "in danger, to be called into question concerning this day's uproar." That was thirty-five years ago, and ever since, in ways direct and indirect, the Mahomedans of that place have pursued the little woman with enmity.

For seven years the Christian convert was not allowed to have the sickly child to care for. She grew up to be a girl of fourteen, and was taught that her mother had descended into the depths of iniquity. At last, in the good providence of God, the girl came to the mother's care. Untaught, untrained, feeble in body, she seemed to have but a sad future before her. And indeed there was much sadness in it. The little Shamesh Khattu found it very hard to learn even to read, and many times her missionary teachers were

tempted to give it up. Yet they continued to minister to mind and soul and body, and their reward was to see the birth of intelligence and faith.

What Shamesh Khattu's life would have been without this faith in a loving, all-seeing God, we cannot say. She was married some years later to a man who professed to be a Christian, but of a strange kind he proved to be. His idea of managing his delicate little wife was to bruise and beat the feeble body, until, at last, covered with scars and stripes, she came back to her mother—not once, but many times over.

In their early married life her husband brought her to Madura. In all South India there were hardly half-a-dozen Christians from among the Mahomedans, and here was a Christian with a Christian wife ready to go and preach the gospel. It seemed a special providence at first, but wife beating and gospel preaching hardly seemed consistent, and the connection soon ceased. But the little woman was a true believer, and found a source of comfort in doing the work that was opened to her. The man went his way, and the wife pursued hers. Her way was to try to use her little knowledge for others' benefit. She began to visit in the Mahomedan quarter. The appearance of a Mahomedan woman who called herself a Christian created great excitement. Many a time she heard loud threats against her life, but she kept quietly on, winning friends in spite of the religious animosity of her own people. For more than sixteen years she has been proclaiming the gospel, and has patiently borne the difficulties and the trials of her position. Like the saintly English woman who had taught her mother and herself, Shamesh Khattu's trials grow heavier with success. Believing that there is salvation in "none other name," she counts it success when any one of her own people turn in the name of Christ to the God they all profess to worship.

Some years ago a letter from Ceylon came to the missionary making inquiry concerning a Mahomedan asking there for baptism. He had appeared at the mission desiring more instruction and professing to be a believer. His story was that he had been in the habit of sitting behind the screen when a little Christian Mahomedan had visited their house to teach the women. He had often heard her tell the story of Jesus the Saviour, and he had come to believe it to be true. He wished to be a Christian, but he thought it meant death for him. Afraid of his people, he had left home and wandered from place to place, until he reached Ceylon. The missionary taught him, and when he was sure that his faith was real, he baptized him. There was no resulting difficulty for the little teacher from this—only joy that the seed sown had sprung up in unexpected places. But not so, when one midnight, there were knocks at the gate, and a beseeching voice

calling out, "O, sister, sister, open to me! I have come to join the Jesus way!"

Sarambi did join the Jesus way, and is a sweet and earnest Christian living in the spirit of prayer. We thank God for her, while still facing the trials that followed.

O friends in the far-away land, what have you ever done or suffered that the world might be brought to Christ?—*From A Bible School and Its Students.*

WOMAN'S WORK IN AUSTRIA

BY MRS. JOHN S. PORTER, PRAGUE, BOHEMIA

(Mr. and Mrs. Porter have been for fifteen years missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M. in Austria.)

THE Austrian Mission is truly an anomaly among the missions. We have no schools of our own, no hospitals, no regular orphanages, etc., as you know, and this fact needs to be borne in mind when considering mission work in this land. The work is purely evangelistic, not only from the pulpit, but hand to hand and heart to heart. Often I have heard one and another of our people speak of opportunities given them to "testify," "on the market," "on the train," "where we buy," or "in the shop." Each live member of the churches here is more or less of an evangelist, and that has been proven a good method for the spread of the kingdom in Austria.

In this Roman Catholic country a regular "Bible woman" would have far, far less freedom than in Africa, China or India. Regular house-to-house visiting is simply impossible and against the law, if proselyting could be proved against one. A Bible woman must win her way with greatest caution, and, too, the very fact that a woman spends all her time in doing this work, and is paid for doing it, is apt to hurt her influence. People are most easily and usually won in the beginning, as I have intimated, by personal testimony from friends or neighbors, people like themselves in the ordinary walks of life. This is followed by invitations to our meetings, and gradually, under the influence of the Word preached and the personal care of Christians, these souls come into the light.

An illustration of this may be found in the story about the letter carrier and his wife in "Pictures from Bohemia" (LIFE AND LIGHT, December, 1907). The husband of the "young matron" spoken of is studying now the Bible for himself, and seems to be gradually and surely coming into the light. The "letter carrier" and his wife are true evangelists. The wife, having no children, makes many calls (although not strong), and is really

doing some of a "Bible woman's" work, the more powerful because she is not a Bible woman. All the women of our churches should be Bible women up to the measure of their capability and opportunity.

This, I think, is the way things stand to-day, and I hope I may not be misunderstood, for as conditions change and prejudices wear away more regular Bible women may be needed. Without the aid given by the Woman's Board the work of the Austrian Mission would be sorely crippled.

In the true, or rather usually accepted meaning of the word, we have only two real Bible women, Miss Most and Miss Jehlicka, and their work differs in some respects from the work of Bible women in most countries. Miss Most teaches in the Weinberge (Prague) Sunday school, gives occasional "lectures" to the women of one and another of our churches, translates articles from English or German for our church paper (*Betania*), copies sermons for Dr. Clark and Mr. Porter, copies and sends out Mr. Porter's Sunday-school lesson questions (see page 217 LIFE AND LIGHT, May, 1907). She has a class in English, and often takes Dr. Clark's place as teacher of the English class in Smichov. I am not sure whether she now helps in the "German hour," as she used to do, and her work for the Y. W. C. A. has been mostly dropped, as that society was merged into another with different methods of working. Besides this she makes and receives visits. Miss Most is powerful in Bible knowledge. Many souls have been led to Christ through her, many comforted and helped. She spent some months in England years ago, training for Y. W. C. A. work, and has since visited interested friends in Scotland two or three times.

The other of our two Bible women is Miss Jehlicka. (For glimpses of her life and work see LIFE AND LIGHT, January, 1905, page 20.) Just at present she has much care with her father, who is expected to live but a little while. She edits the little monthly paper or leaflet referred to above, receives and answers numerous letters from women needing advice and help, gives monthly lectures to the women of the Zizkov and other churches. (Subject of last Thursday evening lecture was "In the Steps of Herodias.") She leads other meetings for women in her brother-in-law's church, teaches "religion" to the children Wednesday afternoons. (All schools have "religion" as a study required by law, and as our children are neither Roman Catholics, Jews or Lutheran Protestants, the preacher must give them special instruction.) She teaches in the Sunday school and has the care of young women training, and also gives and receives calls. I should add she has made one or two very successful tours in Eastern Bohemia.

Austria is a Roman Catholic country. That sounds like something we knew before, but we parents who send children to school are having that

fact burned into our souls. It is a hand-to-hand fight with the devil, and may God help us! Dr. and Mrs. Clark felt Hilda (a fine, bright girl, alive to everything) should not be here, for a while at least, and have sent her to Herrnhut. Two other girls from our church are also there. Oftentimes our girls need to leave the country for a time, and the parents cannot do all. We want to help on the tuition or on the traveling expenses. We have no schools of our own. Our girls, especially the bright, promising ones, need an influence and education not to be found here, and they go to Germany, Switzerland, rarely to England, for a time.

“Sunday-school work”—this is what Austria needs. Mr. Porter has it for his especial care. He suggests a conference for teachers’ training—a gift of Peloubet’s Notes or Quarterly where it would do good, as for instance, to a young woman in Pilsen who studied in England and is now assistant in an institution where little children are cared for during the day while the mothers are at work. She is a great help in the Pilsen Sunday school. The “Otazky” (Sunday-school lesson questions) are quite an expense, but a great blessing in the work. Sunday-school work needs pushing on all lines. I can only touch this subject also.

MISSIONARY LETTERS

CENTRAL TURKEY

Miss Alice C. Bewer, who went last year to be a missionary nurse in the hospital at Aintab, shares with us some of her recent experiences:—

We have been up here in camp for three weeks, and only the last few days have seen me become energetic enough to begin at the pile of belated correspondence that has been looming up before me during the past weeks. We are having a delightful time here at Dr. Shepard’s camp. Miss Blake and I share a tent, and we go out walking and riding over this beautiful mountain, and we often go to a clearing near here where we have a fine view of the Gulf of Iskanderoon and farther off the Mediterranean. It seems so good, too, to be under trees again. You doubtless know that we have very few at Aintab.

I promised to tell you about the Medical Conference especially. Soon after annual meeting Miss Norton started off on her vacation and left me in charge of the household. Miss Blake wanted much to try to run the house, so I let her do the things she wanted to do that week before the medical people came. We had some funny experiences then, but on the whole all went well. By Saturday all was in readiness for my guests. We had

vacated our rooms and gone into one of the unfinished rooms. (I just remember that all the ladies in Boston have gotten the impression that I made my home with Dr. Hamilton and Miss Trowbridge. Excepting one Sunday, and the time I nursed Mrs. Goodsell, I have lived at the girls' school.) The hall in the school wing we had dressed up with rugs and pictures and couches, etc., for the annual meeting, and so we left it as it was for the use of the M. M. A. To Dr. Torrance of Tiberias, a Scotchman, I gave Miss Blake's room, and Drs. Clark of Sivas and Underwood of Erzroom made themselves comfortable in Miss Norton's room. Dr. Fox the Dane of Der Atiyeh near Damascus and Mr. St. John of Beirut tried to be at home in mine. I had made place-cards with little American flags and the name and a Bible reference on white cards, which seemed to please them much. As Dr. Torrance was a little older than the rest of the guests, I asked him to "father the family," which he consented to do after a little hesitation, for he had recently taken unto himself a new young wife (a Miss Curtis of Hartford). On Sunday, which was the first day of the conference, we had a praise service in the evening, led by Dr. Ward. Monday was devoted to organization and the hearing of reports from the different missions and stations. Tuesday was "Surgical Day," and after several operations at the hospital there were papers on different surgical subjects, which led to animated discussions. Dr. Dodd of Talas gave a delightful account of his visit to the Mayo Brothers at Rochester, Minn. Wednesday was "Association Day," given up almost entirely to the business of the M. M. A. T. Thursday was "Medical Day," and after more papers an interesting medical clinic was conducted at the dispensary. Friday was "Missionary Day," and given up entirely to the consideration of the evangelistic work done in connection with the hospitals and medical work. There were splendid reports and many helpful and new ideas, which one longs to carry out. On Saturday more papers were presented and the unfinished business disposed of, and we adjourned to meet for a picnic in the afternoon.

We went down to a little place where the "noble river of Aintab," in reality only a little bit of a stream, flows under a group of poplar trees, and had our supper on the grass. On Saturday evening all of my "family" stayed at home, and we had Turkish ice cream, while we were sitting out on the porch, and later we sang hymns, and just before separating for the night I asked if we might not have a little prayer meeting. It was one of the sweetest and most helpful meetings with Christ I have ever shared, and the memory of it is very dear to me.

NORTH CHINA

A letter from Miss Bertha P. Reed brings us news that is both good and pathetic:—

Mrs. Perkins continues to be bright and cheerful, an inspiration to all, in spite of difficulties so much greater than anyone else's. She wears the false feet now, but cannot yet balance herself well enough to walk without aid. By carrying with her a small square table to lean on she can move about the house, but a limitation here is that of strength, for the long unused muscles come back to strength only slowly. Yet still she cheers everyone who comes near her, and makes us realize how one can be brave and hopeful whatever comes.

JAPAN

Miss Judson, of Matsuyama, tells us of a beautiful harvest from a seed sown long ago:—

A very inspiring encouragement was given to me this fall to "preach the gospel in season and out of season," and to "sow beside all waters," leaving results to God. Thirteen or fourteen years ago, just before I left Japan for my first furlough, I went once to Uchi-no-ko, a place far inland and far from the places where we have work, in Shikoku. One of our schoolgirls lived there, and she begged that I would visit her home once before returning to America. Taking with me our evangelist and Bible woman, I went, and we were entertained in a guest house belonging to the girl's brother, who was a very wealthy brewer of Japanese beer. Of course, the magic lantern went with me—indispensable for drawing a crowd together. Our first meeting in the guest house was so overflowing that the garden was full, and the street outside, with people trying to look over the fence. A policeman came and said that such crowding was not allowed, and that we must hire the theatre if we wished to have any more meetings. The theatre was accordingly hired, and was equally filled. I gave out a lot of tracts, among them *Pilgrim's Progress*, and came away, not expecting any special results from just one visit, not afterwards followed up.

Last fall one of the Christian women in Matsuyama told me that a woman then living near the church, but formerly from Uchi-no-ko, wished to see me. Wondering who it could be, I went with her and heard this story: Fourteen years ago, when I visited Uchi-no-ko, no one there had ever before heard Christian teaching, and after we left, the meetings and the new teaching were very much discussed. I gave out many tracts, and it seems that I gave a copy of *Pilgrim's Progress* into this woman's hand. She read and reread it, and tried to understand what she had read and heard, and an intense desire was awakened in her to know more of Christian teaching and

to know the true God. When I returned to Japan again, the girl whom I visited had married and moved away from Uchi-no-ko, so I never had an opportunity to go there again.

Later the Presbyterians, who had a station in the castle city of Odzu—the place from which one can go easily to the village of Uchi-no-ko—began work in Uchi-no-ko, but in the meantime the woman had moved about five miles off and could not come to Uchi-no-ko. However, whenever she could she heard the Christian preaching and reread her little book—all she had. About a year ago she moved up to Matsuyama, already an earnest seeker after God, eager to be taught farther, and last year in the beginning of the winter was baptized—an earnest Christian—all the work of one little copy of *Pilgrim's Progress* used by the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord that he uses any instrument that is consecrated to him.

There are some “free Methodists” up here, and they shout “Hallelujah,” etc. When I get to thinking over what the Lord is doing in Japan, I think I shall become a shouting Methodist myself.



CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

The Darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we finde a roome
To welcome him. The nobler part
Of all the house here, is the heart.

—Herrick.

Christmastide, it is warm and sweet;
A whole world's heart at a Baby's feet.

—Richard Burton.

This is the time, when most divine to hear,
The voice of adoration rouses me,
As with a cherub's trump; and high upborne,
Yea, mingling with the choir, I seem to view
The vision of the heavenly multitude,
Who hymned the song of praise o'er Bethlehem's fields,
Yet thou more bright than all the angel blaze
That harbingered thy birth, thou Man of Woes!

—Coleridge.

OUR DAILY PRAYER IN DECEMBER

ON the fifth of the month our Calendar calls us to prayer for the Yale mission to China and for the Harvard mission. These two enterprises may well claim somewhat of our interest and our prayer. The Yale mission is supported by alumni of Yale University, and is undenominational, while it works in sympathy with existing Boards. Its headquarters are at Changsha in the province of Hunan, among a dense population, formerly most bigoted and inaccessible. The Harvard mission is of similar nature, but is not yet definitely located.

Mrs. Walker teaches Latin in the college at Kobe. Miss Gulick is now taking her furlough on the Pacific coast. Mrs. Pedley works in schools both Sundays and week days, leads women's meetings and gives organ and vocal lessons. Miss Griswold teaches in the girls' school, makes many tours, and supervises the kindergarten. Miss Parmelee's work is largely evangelistic, a direct, personal carrying the gospel to the poor and ignorant.

The *Review* of 1907-1908, presented at the annual meeting of the A. B. C. F. M. in Brooklyn by Secretary Barton, says of the Doshisha: "that it has never been so crowded with students or exerted a wider influence in the empire. A united and most promising effort is being made to increase the funds of the institution that it may more fully meet the demands made upon it. The Japanese are rallying bravely to this call for assistance and support."

Miss Bradshaw's work is evangelistic largely for young men. Mrs. Rowland guides the church society of Japanese women, cares for a Sunday school, and makes many visits to the hospital and in needy homes. Mr. and Mrs. Warren, with two little ones, are just making a new home in Tottori, a lonely station on the Western coast. This field is large and never adequately manned, and no other mission has a footing there.

Miss Daughaday is soon to return from her furlough to the evangelistic work which has been so richly blessed. Miss Judson has a double load in the care of the prosperous girls' school, larger now than ever before, and in the night school, of which she tells us something on page 532 of this magazine.

Mrs. Gulick's work is in Sunday schools and for women.

Mrs. White is kept in America by delicate health.

Mrs. Olds, with two little children, leads women's meetings, teaches Bible classes and music, and does much for the children. Mrs. Newell is caring for her children in this country.

Miss Holbrook teaches science at Kobe College. Mrs. Bennett, rejoicing

in a new little son, gives thought and sympathy to mothers around her. Mrs. De Forest, just returned from her year's furlough, is gathering up many threads of work, especially for women and children. Mrs. Curtis makes many tours, visiting out-stations; she directs a large Sunday school, and does much teaching in her own home.

Mrs. Cobb, mother of two little children, and still giving time to language study; gathers Japanese women in classes to teach them the "foreign cooking" they so much wish to learn, and gives them also tastes of the Bread of Life. She finds many ways to lend a helping hand.

Mrs. Clark has just returned, and will do much for Japanese girls in her own home as well as in many outside ways.

THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

(Hartford, Conn., November 11 and 12, 1908.)

THE Hartford Branch still feels a keen sense of great loss in the recent sudden home-going of Mrs. W. P. Williams, for many years their efficient and beloved Recording Secretary. But the officers of the Branch and the women of the churches made every thoughtful and generous provision for the comfort of their guests, and the well-made plans were effectively realized.

A gathering of secretaries of Young People's Work called together about thirty young women on Monday afternoon and evening, and they discussed practical questions vivaciously and helpfully. Presentation of reports and suggestions of methods of work occupied more of Tuesday delegates' day, the sectional hour being taken by (a) Woman's Missionary Meeting, led by Mrs. Hartwell, of the New York Branch; (b) Study Class, led by Miss Calder, and (c) Methods in Children's Meetings, presented by Mrs. C. H. Daniels. Nearly a hundred Branch officers gathered on Tuesday evening with the Board of Directors to ask and answer vital questions of Board policy and plan.

The tenderly spiritual morning devotional meetings were led by Mrs. George L. Clark, of Wethersfield, Conn., and Mrs. Otis Cary, of Kyoto, Japan. Rev. J. E. Twitchell, pastor of the Asylem Hill Church, in which the meetings were held, led the opening prayer on Wednesday, and Dr. R. H. Potter, of the Center Church, helped us in like manner on Thursday.

The public sessions opened at ten on Wednesday. Mrs. C. H. Daniels, our President, in the chair,

Though Mrs. Jewell, President of Hartford Branch, was in the audience, she was not able to speak the welcome as planned, and her gracious and cordial words were read by Miss Clara E. Wells, Secretary of Young People's Work in the Branch.

The condensed reports of treasurer, home and foreign secretaries were packed full of information, and gave matter for much thought. We give elsewhere an abstract of the treasurer's statement.

Mrs. H. W. Hicks, who has recently, with her husband, visited our missions in Turkey, India, China and Japan, told of the lights and shadows that she saw. The missionary's greatest joy is the convert, the well-trained, unselfish native worker, wise in Bible knowledge, who, knowing the language, thought and trials of her people, can help them more than any outsider. The greatest shadow is lack of money to enlarge crowded schools, to help needy and promising boys and girls, to pay the native workers, to make evangelizing tours, to pay increased prices of food during famine times. It is hard to see bright girls married to heathen, to lose capable teachers for lack of funds, hard to give out all the while with scant opportunity to receive. Outside trials trouble the missionaries little, in their work lies the light or the shadow. How can we at home increase the light?

Miss Fanny E. Burrage, who has given nearly thirty years to missionary work in Turkey, much of it in behalf of little children, told of the intermittent kindergarten at Talas, a school with forty pupils last year, now closed for want of a teacher. The Orthodox Greek authorities forbid the parents to send their children to a Protestant school, but some living in a street overlooking our kindergarten overheard and learned the songs, and sang them over to their mates.

The school at Cesarea suffers much in lacking a suitable building, but the children are bright and happy, often in so great a hurry to reach morning school that they will hardly eat their breakfasts. They learn eagerly from the nature talks and Bible lessons, and often become real teachers to their ignorant mothers and less-favored mates.

Miss Jean P. Gordon has been for some time acting principal of our girls' boarding school at Ahmednagar in the Marathi Mission, with between four hundred and fifty and four hundred and seventy-five pupils. She spoke briefly of the school, and told us what the girls do "afterwards." The majority marry before they reach the final year, and many go to the villages where they may be the only Christian woman, and have opportunities to do good in many ways. Many become teachers of village schools and many now learn nursing.

To devote the session of Wednesday afternoon especially to young women has grown to be an unwritten law in planning the program for the two days' meeting; a wise custom, bringing abundant present reward, it proves to be. To look down the long vista of the church nave, and watch the eager faces, gave one a sense of power and riches to be matured in years to come for the service of humanity and its King. The four hundred tickets first printed were quickly taken by girls in near-by churches, and a supplementary order of one hundred and fifty was all used. Miss May, of Hartford, had promised to lead the devotional service, but illness prevented, and Miss Helen B. Calder, Associate Secretary of the Woman's Board, took her place.

Mrs. Isabel Trowbridge Merrill, closely connected with our girls' boarding school at Aintab, in Central Turkey, showed us six samples of the girls she meets. One, a Kurd, with wistful face and great possibilities of mind and heart, but shut out from the school by her poverty, and so shut out from almost all that is good; one, a Mohammedan bride, secluded, sad, heart hungry, trying to pray, but knowing nothing of Christ; one, an Armenian teacher, a heroine whose light shines brightly; one, a Greek, born into a poor home in a wretched village, now the head native teacher in the Hadjin Home; one, a worker in a village near Antioch, where she teaches the school, conducts the weekly prayer meeting, the women's meeting, the Sunday services for all, makes many visits, and has once officiated at a funeral; and one Gregorian, now a senior at Marash, fitting herself for Bible teaching, who has a wonderful gift for imparting truth. Do not such girls deserve our help?

Mrs. Benjamin W. Labaree, who has had an interesting experience in Persia in connection with the Presbyterian Board, and knows the condition of Moslem women, spoke on "The Woman Behind the Veil." She referred to the great and unprecedented opening for missionary work in Moslem lands, and asked, Why is there need for this work? She said that the greatest failure of the Mohammedan religion is in its effect on the home life, thus striking at the roots of all the social structure. She made the appeal for the needs of the Mohammedan woman because of her threefold sufferings: 1, Physical; 2, mental; 3, spiritual. These points were illustrated by facts from life in Persia. Raising the question whether it is possible for our Moslem sisters to be helped and lifted up into something better, she answered in the affirmative by showing some methods of missionary work.

Miss Lucia C. Witherby, Secretary of Young People's Work, with earnest words that must have touched many hearts, led the covenant service, as always tender and impressive.

The one feature of this session which holds everybody's attention is the introduction of missionaries by Miss Stanwood, our Home Secretary. This year twenty-five were present, and as each name was given with some fit phrase of characterization each owner gave us the salutation of the country from which she came. Mrs. Cary, Misses Adams, Case and Colby of Japan, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Stelle and Miss Pierson of North China, Mrs. Eaton of Mexico, Mrs. Rand and Miss Foss of Micronesia, Mrs. Gates, Misses Nugent and Gordon of India, with Miss Johnson soon to go thither, Miss Price of South Africa, Mrs. Browne, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. English, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Ussher, Miss Burrage, Miss Gordon and Miss Stone of Turkey, with Mrs. Sterrett, formerly our own Miss Norton of Van, and Mrs. Labaree of Persia, made the honored roll this year, and the girls gave them the Chautauqua salute as they stood on the platform.

Mrs. James C. Alvord showed us that as the man with the withered hand did an impossible thing, so many a time we, if we will, can "do what we cannot." "We cannot, we try, and we do it," is a sequence often repeated in the history of individual Christians and of the growing church. When we learn that we can do that which we ought whether it be hard or easy, possible or impossible, the work at home will go on as never before, and we shall no longer hear the discouraged whine, "we are doing all we can."

Miss Martha E. Price, for more than thirty years a teacher in South Africa, said that the aim of Inanda Seminary is not only to provide teachers, but to train young women to be Christian wives and mothers. Some girls come to them from Christian homes, but many are from heathen kraals, clothed perhaps only with a girdle or a few strings of beads at first. The transformation as they put on civilized dress and learn of truth in many ways is amazing. While there are some failures and keen disappointments, yet many girls are faithful, and the work is full of hope and power.

Mrs. Clarence D. Ussher gave us vivid word pictures of the industrial work at Van, the rug making, embroidery and lace work, which is keeping many girls and women from starvation. Mrs. Reynolds guides the rug makers, borrowing rugs from rich neighbors as patterns, employing women to card, spin and dye wool. The lace making began with a few spools of number fifty thread, some needles and six poor girls. Now they have a house of ten rooms, given by an English merchant for industrial work, and seventy-five girls gather there. At morning prayers the missionary comes into heart touch with them, giving counsel, reproof and cheer.

Mr. H. W. Hicks made us feel the challenge of the Orient to Christendom as we think of the vast populations, their universal poverty, the dearth of literature, the race prejudice, the marshaled forces of Shintoism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Hinduism. The past achievements of the church are also a challenge to us to-day. But while our missionaries are second to none in intellectual, physical and spiritual gifts, invention and persistence,

and their literary productivity is unequaled, they are sadly handicapped by want of funds.

Miss Abbie M. Colby, teacher in the Plum Blossom School for Girls in Osaka, Japan, gave vivid pictures of the character and work of native Christians in that country, appealing to us who have quiet homes and a still hour to pray for those strenuous workers, and for the missionaries connected with them, that the thought may possess us, "Japan for Christ." She said that "from every point of view but that of absolute faith this undertaking to win Japan for Christ is as astonishing as for little Japan to think of conquering great Russia, and as the United States encouraged Japan by her sympathy during that terrible war, so must the Christians of America sympathize with and pray for the Japanese Christians in this greater struggle."

Mrs. Elizabeth Sheffield Stelle, daughter of Dr. D. Z. Sheffield, of Tung-chou, made us see the missionary compound at Peking, and we almost felt ourselves present at one of the Saturday afternoon lectures, which are so useful a feature in the developing life of the women in that city. She introduced us to various Chinese ladies of rank and distinction, and she helped us to enjoy the sociable chat which always comes after the formal address is over. As she brought them before us, one after another, women of strong character, and often of thrilling experience, we felt again that these women are and must be our sisters in Christ.

Miss Alice P. Adams, of Okayama, Japan, who has a wonderful work in the slums of that city, pictured for us her Hanabatake—an old flower garden of a feudal lord, now the abode of beggars who live in incredible squalor, a family sometimes renting a mat six feet by three as their only home, and that in a room with many other rented mats. She provides and superintends Sunday schools, evangelistic meetings, industrial work, dispensary and evening classes, but lack of funds has closed the growing and useful kindergarten. She showed us such results as promise that this degraded section will become again a flower garden where souls may bloom in beauty for their King.

Mrs. James D. Eaton, for twenty-six years a missionary in Chihuahua, Mexico, took as her theme, "Our Girls and Other Girls in Mexico," showing us the barren, narrow, unlovely lives of girls and women as she found them years ago, and giving vivid pictures of lives made beautiful and high by the truth of the gospel. The *Colegio Chihuahuense*, whose growth Mrs. Eaton has watched and fostered, takes little girls in kindergarten years, and trains them into a gracious Christian womanhood. The government schools are eager to win the normal graduates as teachers, and the whole attitude of the community toward women is changing. The school implants ideals of beauty, of truth, of right, of absolute conformity to God's will.

The closing address of Thursday was a fitting climax to all the earnest words that had gone before. Dr. John E. Merrill, President of Central Turkey College at Aintab, spoke on the "New Turkey and the Old Gospel." He told of the results social, intellectual, moral and religious that are following the political revolution of last July. But spiritually the people

are as they were, only more accessible. For years Christian hospitals which treat Moslem and Christian alike, schools that have sent out many students as leaven in the community, the lives of native Christians, patterned so unlike their neighbors, and thousands of Bibles read by Moslems have been preparing the way for missionary work to-day. What shall we do with this opportunity? What would we think of a missionary who did only a little Christian work now and then, spending most of his days in his own pursuits? What does the Master think of us if we live in this half-hearted way?

The officers received the missionaries and their friends at Farmington Avenue Church on Wednesday evening, and the many cordial greetings at every pause in the meetings proved how close is the tie that binds those who work together to make the Kingdom come. The former officers were in the main re-elected, and the Woman's Board will probably meet in Boston in 1909.

SIDELIGHTS FROM PERIODICALS

TURKEY.—Again in this month's magazines articles on the crisis in Turkey abound. "The Cause and Effect of the Changes in Turkey," *Missionary Review*, November. "The Future of Turkey," and "Constantinople at the Declaration of the Constitution," *Fortnightly*, October. "Can Islam be Reformed," and "Turkey in 1876," *Nineteenth Century*, October. "Progress of the World," "Ferdinand I, Czar of the Bulgars," and "Men Who Count in the Balkans," *Review of Reviews*, November. "The Sultan of Turkey," *American Magazine*, November. "The New Turkish Parliament," *Independent*, October 29th.

AFRICA.—"Across Widest Africa," *National Geographical Magazine*, October. "Some South African Impressions," *Quarterly Review*, October. "East African Problems," *Nineteenth Century*, October. "Old Cairo," *Century*, November.

CHINA.—"Fifty Years Ago and Now in South China," and "The Uncrowned King of Cathay," *Missionary Review*, November.

INDIA.—"Education and Religion in India," *Missionary Review*, November.

JAPAN.—"Japan in Manchuria," *Yale Review*, August. "Japan Winning the Pacific," *World's Work*, November.

KOREA.—"Why Korea is Turning to Christ," *Methodist Review*, October.

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Receipts from September 18, to October 18, 1908.

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Total,

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E. S. C., 150; Friend, 50 cts.; Friend, 2; Friend, 10; Friend, 155; Friend, 500; Friend, 1,500; G., 50,

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10; Wakefield, Aux., 64, Mary Farnham Bliss Soc., 25; Winchester, First Ch., Aux. (25 of wh. to const. L. M. Miss Martha Page Richardson), 128, C. R., 18, Seek and Save M. C., 20.16, Mission Union (75 of wh. to const. L. M's Miss S. F. Choate, Mrs. William I. Palmer, Mrs. Joseph Witmer), 155, Second Ch., Aux., 4.37; Woburn, Aux. (125 of wh. to const. L. M's Mrs. E. Maria Bean, Mrs. Almira Brown, Mrs. Sophia Hovey, Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw, Mrs. Annie S. Wyman), 152.94,

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Auburndale.—E. R. A.,

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Barnstable Co. Branch.—Mrs. C. E. Delano, Treas., Box 296, Falmouth, Centerville, Aux., 30; Falmouth, Aux., 44.20; Falmouth, North, Aux., 20.25; Hyannis, Aux., 10; South Dennis, Coll. at Ann. Meet., 5.07; Yarmouth, Aux., 3. Less expenses, 5,

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Berkshire Branch.—Mrs. Edward Tolman, Treas., 47 Reed St., Pittsfield, Refunded on expense acct., 35; Lee, First Aux., 37.05, Second Aux., 5; Pittsfield, South Ch., Aux., 5; West Stockbridge, Aux., 10; Williamstown, Aux., 224. Less expenses, 11.20,

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125 00

Egypt.—Miss Annie F. Peirce,

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Hampshire Co. Branch.—Miss Harriet J. Kneeland, Treas., 8 Paradise Road, Northampton, Th. Off. at Rally, 2.01; Amherst, North, Aux., 5; Easthampton, Aux., 70, Dan. of Cov., 8; Enfield, Aux., 60; Granby, Light Bearers, 4; Hadley,

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Aux., 32; Hatfield, Aux., 73; Northampton, Edwards Ch., Aux., 10.02; Southampton, Aux., 34.31, Sunshine Band, 16; South Hadley, Mount Holyoke Col., Y. W. C. A., 626,

Jamaica Plain.—Children's Memorial, in memory of Infant Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Hawkins,

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Newton Highlands.—Miss S. A. Craft,

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North Middlesex Branch.—Miss Julia S. Conant, Treas., Littleton Common. Acton, Aux., 10; Ashby, Aux., 9; Ayer, Aux., 5; Boxborough, Aux., 20; Concord, Aux., 25, Mary Shepard Watchers, 5, S. S. Miss. Assoc., 40; Dunstable, Aux., 20; Fitchburg, C. C. Ch., Aux., 90, Band of Future Workers, 4; Harvard, Aux., 20.75; Littleton, Aux., 7; Townsend, Aux., 27; Westford, Aux., 37,

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Old Colony Branch.—Miss Frances J. Runnels, Treas., 166 Highland Ave., Fall River. Bal. Silver Off., 150; Attleboro, Aux. (75 of wh. to const. L. M's Mrs. Emma E. Henry, Miss Elizabeth L. Reed, Mrs. Edith Tucker Smith), 100, Second Ch., M. C., 72; Attleboro Falls, Central Ch., Aux., 7.50; Attleboro, North, Aux., 30; Berkley, Aux., 10; Dighton, Aux., 50; Fairhaven Aux., 13.50; Fall River, Aux., Gift, 50, First Ch., Aux., Gift, 10, C. R., 26.84; Middleboro, Aux. (100 of wh. to const. L. M's Mrs. A. M. Bearse, Mrs. Israel Dunham, Mrs. Norman McKinnon, Mrs. Edward F. Wood), 106, Henrietta Band, 5; New Bedford, Aux., 210; Rehoboth, Aux., 20.25; Rochester, Aux., 30.25; Taunton, Aux., 177.05, East Ch., 25, Young People, 2,

South Hadley.—Mount Holyoke College, Y. W. C. A.,

Springfield.—South Ch.,

Springfield Branch.—Mrs. Mary H. Mitchell, Treas., 1078 Worthington St., Springfield. Agawam, Aux. (Len. Off., 2.50),

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37.50, C. E. Soc., 10, Mrs. Porter's S. S. Cl., 1; Blandford, Aux., 23.50; Brimfield, Aux. (50 of wh. to const. L. M's Mrs. A. B. Brown, Miss P. A. Upham), 50.50; Chester, Aux., 15; Chicopee, First Ch., Aux., 11.50, Extra-Cent-a-Week Band, 14.73, Third Ch., Aux., 46.50, Miss Ella M. Gaylord, 100, Jr. C. E. Soc., 5, Prim. Dept., S. S., 2; Chicopee Falls, Aux., 55, Dorcas, Soc., 10, Pansy Cir., 5, Busy Bees, 5; Feeding Hills, Aux., 30, Golden Rule M. C., 6.03; Granville Center, Aux., 10; Holyoke, Grace Ch., Helpful M. C., 5, Second Ch., Aux., 596.95, The Arinsha, 8; Huntington, Second Ch., Aux., 10; Indian Orchard, Aux., 18.61; Longmeadow, Ladies' Benev. Soc., 42.50, M. C., 22, C. E. Soc., 10; Longmeadow, East, Aux., 50.40; Ludlow, Aux. (with prev. contri. to const. L. M's Mrs. Nellie J. Bartlett, Mrs. Orondell G. Burdon), 39; Ludlow Center, Aux., 10.50, Precious Pearls, 6; Mitteneague, C. R., 7; S. S. Brigade, 6; Monson, Aux., 78, S. S., Miss Annie M. Buck's, Cl., 1; Palmer, First Ch., Aux., 4.75, Second Ch., Aux., 50.75, Jr. C. E. Soc., 1; Springfield, Eastern Ave. Ch., C. E. Soc., 5, Emmanuel Ch., Aux., 2, Jr. C. E. Soc., 3, Faith Ch., Aux., 31, First Ch., Aux., 9.92, Miss Mary K. Stevens, 30, Hope Ch., C. R., 1.50, C. E. Soc., 5, Memorial Ch., Aux., 178, Lend-a-Hand Soc., 45, King's Helpers, 15, North Ch., Aux., 73, Jr. C. E. Soc., 1.25, S. S., Mrs. G. T. Mundaugh's Cl., 2.07, Olivet Ch., Aux. (with prev. contri. to const. L. M's Miss Sarah B. Camp, Miss Sarah A. Hyde), 32.50, Golden Link Aux. (50 of which to const. L. M's Miss Hattie M. Booth, Miss Alice Ogilvie), 60, C. R., 3.75, Jr. C. E. Soc., 2, S. S., 35.20, Park Ch., Aux., 34, Jr. C. E. Soc., 5, South Ch., Aux. (25 of wh. to const. L. M. Miss Elizabeth S. Hawkes), 139.49, St. John's Ch., Aux., 10; Three Rivers, Ladies' Aid Soc., 10, Prim. Dept., S. S., 7.75; Westfield, First Ch., Aux., 340, Light Bearers, 15, Second Ch., Aux., 61.50, Jr. C. E. Soc., 80 cts.; West Springfield, First Ch., Aux., 15, Sunshine M. B., 2, C. R., 4, Park St. Ch., Aux., 70, C. R., 5; Wilbraham, Aux., 7; Wilbraham, North, Aux. (25 of wh. to const. L. M. Mrs. Celia J. Allen), 30,

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For. Dept., 10, Second Ch., Aux. (Th. Off., 27.75), 78.89, Y. L. F. M. S., 15, Village Ch., Aux., 6.25; Everett, Mystic-Side Ch., Ladies' Aid Soc., 20.45; Faneuil, Aux., 5.73, C. R., 20; Foxboro, Aux., 5; Hyde Park, Aux., 33; Jamaica Plain, Boylston Ch., Aux. (with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. Louise H. A. Barker, Mrs. Clara E. Howe), 25.62, Central Ch., Aux., 18; Medfield, Aux., 3.10, C. R., 2, Prim. S. S., 2; Neponset, Trinity Ch., Stone Aux., 12; Newton, Mrs. Curtis Bates, 50, Eliot Ch., For. Dept., Woman's Assoc. (25 of wh., by Mrs. Mary M. Billings, to const. L. M. Mrs. Theodore Manning), 190; Newton Centre, First Ch., Aux., 65; Newton Highlands, Aux., 22.23, C. R. Dept., 14.87, C. E. Soc., 24; Newton, West, Aux. (75 of wh. to const. L. M's Mrs. Dana Libby, Mrs. C. L. Weaver, Miss Ethel M. Woodberry), 375; Newtonville, Central Ch., Aux., 129.21, C. R., 17.66; Rosindale, For. Dept., Miss'y Union, 4.82; Roxbury, Eliot Ch., Aux., 33, Highland Ch., Aux., 56.72, Immanuel-Walnut Ave. Ch., For. Dept., 10; Roxbury, West, So. Evan. Ch., For. Dept., Th. Off., 35; Somerville, Broadway Ch., Aux., 6.46, Highland Ch., Women Workers, 10, Prospect Hill Ch., For. Dept., Woman's Union, 10, Winter Hill Ch., Aux., 34.50; Somerville, West, Day St. Ch., Aux., 15, Home Workers M. B., 5; Watertown, Phillips Ch., Aux., 20; Waverley, Aux., 10, S. S., 25; Wellesley Hills, Aux., 95.50; Wrentham, Aux., 36. 3,584 84

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Total, 18,947 00

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In Memory, S. P. C., 30 00
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const. L. M. Mrs. Augusta Learned), 30.50; New London, First Ch., Aux., 16.85, C. E. Soc., 3; Norwich, Broadway Ch., Aux., Two Friends, 300, First Ch., Lathrop Mem. Aux., Th. Cff., 26.75, Park Ch., Aux., Two Friends, 45; Thompson, Aux., 1.74,

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Total, 5,568 63

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Total, 1,886 01

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Total,	1,434 09

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GIFTS RECEIVED THROUGH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.

<i>Massachusetts.</i> —New Bedford, Miss Ella F. Ivers, 100; Randolph, Miss Abby W. Turner, 100,	200 00
<i>Connecticut.</i> —Hartford, Mrs. Helen S. Ranney, 30; Tolland, In mem. of Mrs. Emily C. Underwood, 25,	55 00
Total,	255 00
Donations,	30,603 58
Buildings,	529 00
Specials,	404 50
Legacies	8,451 96
Total,	\$39,989 04

*Income of Designated Funds,
October 18, 1907 to October 18, 1908.*

MARY H. DAVIS FUND.	
Income,	40 00
MARY H. DAVIS HOSPITAL FUND.	
Income,	40 38
MARTHA S. POMEROY FUND.	
Income,	20 00
JULIET DOUGLAS FUND.	
Income,	200 00
LAURA L. SCOFIELD FUND.	
Income,	130 00
MRS. W. F. STEARNS MEMORIAL FUND.	
Income,	20 00
MRS. JANE PALMER MEMORIAL FUND.	
Income,	9 20
Total,	\$489 58

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 18, 1908.

Balance to the credit of the W. B. M., October 18, 1907	\$109,893 38
Contributions	
For the regular work	\$123,091 88
Gifts for buildings	11,713 50
Gifts for special objects	3,446 50
	\$138,251 88
Legacies	14,592 77
Interest	4,792 04
	157,636 69
Total,	\$267,530 07

EXPENDITURES FOR THE SAME TIME.

Appropriations for 1908	\$109,993 38
Additional appropriations for general work	7,544 93
Appropriations for buildings	10,253 70
Outfits and traveling expenses of missionaries	10,333 89
Allowances and grants to missionaries in America	9,251 70
Gifts for special objects	3,446 50
Expenses in connection with legacies	1 25
Expenses of publishing LIFE AND LIGHT	718 32
Expenses of publishing <i>Mission Dayspring</i>	373 76
Expenses of literature	498 69
Expenses of Home Department	10,563 28
	\$162,979 40
Investment of funds for buildings	3,000 00
Balance to the credit of the W. B. M., October 18, 1908	101,550 67
Total,	\$267,530 07

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MICRONESIA

A letter from Miss Wilson, of Kusaie, Caroline Islands, gives this interesting account of the new church:—

“THE Kusaiens have just finished rebuilding their large stone church which was so badly wrecked in the storm three years ago. It is really a very nice building. Strangers coming ashore from the steamer for a few hours almost always stop and go in to look at this building. They marvel that the natives have done the work all themselves. They have hewn out from trees large pillars of light wood, shaped and smoothly planed. But the wood of the door and window casings is what would take a stranger's eye. It is almost the color of walnut and the grain of the wood is beautiful. It would take a fine polish if they knew how to do it. This wood only grows at one place on the island, and is not at all plentiful. They have spent days, weeks and months hewing, sawing and planing. When they come to make the floor they did not know just what to do but solved the problem by going out on the reef and cutting out blocks of stone. These are all cut evenly and fitted in and cemented together. The roof is of galvanized iron, bought of the trader who donated fifty dollars toward the church. They really have a church building to be proud of. They will dedicate it Easter Sunday, and we are planning to take all our household the ten miles to attend.”

Since the storm three years ago which seriously injured Miss Wilson, she has continued her work although suffering much even now with pain and weakness. Dr. Barton has written her that she is not to let anything keep her there if she feels she ought to leave. But she writes that the real reason for staying at her post is, “I do not think it would be right to go away and leave only one teacher here entirely alone, for one never knows what a day may bring forth. If our girls were all Kusaiens and could be immediately returned to their own homes if anything happened it would be different,

but most of them are Marshall and Gilbert girls, and without a missionary vessel it might be months before they could return."

Miss Wilson and all on the island have been suffering from the grippe brought by a steamer, but all were better when she closed her letter.

We cannot afford to lose so useful and devoted a worker, and pray that at once some one may be sent to take her place that she may be brought back to this country where she can have the medical treatment she so much needs.

TURKEY—BROUSA

- (Compositions written by schoolgirls in our school in Brousa.)

OUR school closed on the 22d of April. That same day about four o'clock we had a nice closing exercise. On this occasion the Alumnae Association of the school presented a beautiful picture of Mrs. Baldwin. Miss Powers gave a nice speech, in which she talked emphatically about the useful work of Mrs. Baldwin that she has done among the Armenian girls. Miss Nectar read the letter of Miss Mianzara sent to be read on the occasion. The following sentence struck me very much, "I am glad the Alumnae had the good idea of giving to the school such a beautiful present. I know that you are not in danger of forgetting Mrs. Baldwin. But the future generation seeing that blessed picture hanging on the wall will know there was a kind person who has labored among the girls." (I wish we all could merit such praise as this).

Miss Araxie also read another letter from one of the graduates of our school, who has gone to Switzerland to continue her studies. She writes she can never love another school as she has loved her home school. Mrs. Hagazian had also written a letter which read, "Miss Araxie, I will never forget the following sentence, 'The greatest nobility is in doing good not only to one's own nation but to other nations, as Mrs. Baldwin has done.'" May we not be justified in calling her by the name of "our Mrs. Baldwin"?

Then the High School Choir sang a few short songs and some of the girls recited poems and the exercise was closed by Mr. Baldwin's prayer.

Toward evening the girls' enthusiasm about going home was worthy of notice. As I was not one of these girls I sat on a seat in the garden and watched perfectly.

On the 23d of April, early in the morning, we got up because Miss Allen would go to Constantinople—we wished to bid her good-bye. We returned in four carriages with some joyful and glad manners.

On the following day, that is on the 24th of April, a few visitors arrived from Constantinople. On the 25th of April we did not have any special thing but I am glad to say I spent my time helping Miss Powers. Though my assistance was very weak yet she thanked heartily.

On the Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Horivian preached, having his text, xxiv chapter and eighteenth verse of Luke. I am glad to say that that day has been a blessed day to me because our thoughts soared higher and higher, our feelings were love toward the human family, for it was the day of our Saviour's resurrection.

On the 27th of April all the girls of the school went to Kaia Bashi. Qonnart and I did not because both of us were sick, and they returned just at six o'clock, my greatest surprise had been when I saw that a girl coming by me having in her hand a little bag containing in it some candies which Mrs. Baldwin had sent me. I felt thankful that being absent I was not forgotten. I took it gladly with an expression of thanks.

On Tuesday, 24th of April, all the girls went to Yalwez. I am sorry to say I was hindered from going on account of sickness.

On Wednesday, 29th of April, we were all at our school, though we did not have any walk, yet we spent the day beautifully working on our fancy work like the bees in their hives. And that night Mr. Robert Chambers came.

On Thursday night all the guests had gone except Mr. Chambers and all the girls went to the Chekirque, excepting I for the cause of my not feeling well, but I am glad to say that I too spent that day joyful as the girls who had gone to Chekirque. I worked on my fancy work in the garden and then in the kitchen a little, having done useful things.

On Friday we did not have any special thing; we spent that day as usually. But at that night all the teachers of our school and a few visitors and Robert Chambers had a nice party with joyful games and sweet songs. And on the following day he departed from us.

On Sunday Rev. Mr. Schemavonian preached, having his text xxiv chapter and 30 verse of Luke. He preached very effectively and energetically. In truth I thought what happiness it must be to those people who have such a preacher and can be comforted by his sermons. He especially emphasized the thought that his disciples knew him as he broke the bread and we also must learn to know him in those simple and everyday things.

Monday that was the 4th of May was the last of our vacation. We all prepared to do our duties faithfully.

It was an interesting sight to see the return of the girls who all had cheerful faces and I am sure with contented hearts. We were all thinking of the few weeks that were to pass before the summer vacation when we would see our parents and our friends in our dear homes.

On Tuesday we began school with new strength, new ideas and new thoughts, thanking God for his blessings.

EUGENIE CHILINGIRIAN.

HOLIDAYS AT OUR BOARDING SCHOOL IN BROUSA

(By one of our orphans, who is always here during vacation.)

We have vacations twice a year. During these holidays we who are orphans, or who have no one else to support us, stay in the school and are taken care of by our missionary. All the other children go to their parents' houses. While they are at home they repeat the Bible stories and verses they have learned to other small folks like themselves and to the grown-up people. The parents will often work on Sunday, but the children who go home from here firmly resolve not to work on Sunday. One boy's mother refused to give him food because he would not work on Sunday, and he went hungry.

We children who stay in the Boarding School sometimes have little concerts by ourselves at night, and sing all the songs we know. Those who look after us during vacation hold prayer meetings for us, and the children also have little prayer meetings by themselves. We think we have better food in vacation, because we are allowed to choose it ourselves. At Christmas and on New Year's Day we have cakes and meat and other good things to eat. On Christmas Day we get nice gifts, clothes, etc., and we are very happy; happier than some children who go to their homes and have to do house and field work all the time.

When some Hindu children go to their homes from here, they will not eat the things offered to idols during the heathen feasts; and when our Christian children go to their villages, where the Christians are very ignorant, and kneel reverently to pray in church, these Christians will follow their example.

RUTHINUM.

OUR ANNIVERSARY, 1908

(By a Hindu boy who is in our Boarding School.)

We saved our pice (one pie is a sixth of a cent in United States money) and bought wreaths of flowers to put around our missionaries' necks. This we did, and so our Anniversary Exercises began. The American Board Secretary (Mr. Hicks) was present. We sang "Stand up, stand up for Jesus." Afterwards we sang "I had three sisters over the sea." Mr. Hicks said that was a song which Mr. Chandler had been teaching to the Hicks children in America. We were delighted to hear that. Then came several dialogues. Our leaders spoke to us and Mr. Hicks gave the benediction in English. Then we all received presents and showed our gratitude by clapping our hands. After that Mr. Hicks took our pictures.

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BEGINNINGS AT OCHILESO

WHEN the Sakanjimba Station was removed to Ochileso, everything had to be carried by the natives—station people mostly. At that time I was at Kamundongo, but Mrs. Woodside gave vivid descriptions of the moving. It was on the first of April, 1904. The caravan consisted of Mr. Woodside on his big black mule, Jack; Mrs. Woodside and Wilfred in tepoias (hammocks, swung to palm poles, with covered tops, and carried by two men at a time); men and boys with loads of various kinds, mostly those of the missionaries with a few of their own things on top; then the women, girls and children. The women carried most of their household goods, such as pots, baskets, hoes, etc., with a baby or small child on the back and perhaps a bark string cage with some chickens, besides food for the journey. Of course the girls all had loads to carry, too, either for themselves or the women. The journey occupied four days, the caravan going slowly on account of the women and children. A baby was born on this journey, who was named Kangende, "Little Journey." (The first baby born at Ochileso was called Tete, "First.") At last the travelers reached Ochileso, and all were glad. For a time the camp was busy getting up huts for each family. The Woodside family first tried living in two tents, but these were so hot during the day and so cold at night that a shed was built over them, extending beyond so as to make two other rooms, one a dining room, the other used as workshop and church. Another little grass room was built at the side for a kitchen.

Ochileso, meaning "The Licks," was named because the cattle like the mineral water coming from the hot springs at the foot of the hill where the station is built. The station commands a fine view of an immense plain

some six or eight miles across, with its streams, clumps of trees and the mountains surrounding it. Two of these mountains are within easy walking distance of the station and are not hard to climb, furnishing still more magnificent views. The station is built on a low, broad hill, gradually sloping behind to the level of the surrounding country. A picturesque river coming from the plain and mountains beyond runs between the station hill and the nearest mountain, having many rapids and waterfalls as it tumbles over the rocks; but most beautiful of all are the wild date palm and other tropical looking trees to be seen in groups along this river. The hot springs give the tropical look to the scenery; but, besides adding so much to the beauty of the place, they are an invaluable aid to the station. The water needs no soap for bathing, and very little for laundry purposes.

One of the first buildings at Ochileso was a little bath house made of grass and sticks built over one of the springs for the use of the missionaries. The natives have several shallow places where the water is not so hot, where they bathe and wash their clothes. Villagers often stop while crossing the rocky ravine, take off their shirts, if they possess any, wash them, put the sleeves through a stick and go on drying the garments on the way.

No houses were begun on the new site until late in July when permission was finally granted by the Portuguese government. Up to that time the men were digging an irrigating ditch under Mr. Woodside's direction from a stream some distance away, which was dammed for the purpose. This ditch has been a great help in building, as all the bricks are made of mud, laid with mud, and the houses plastered outside and inside with mud, mixed with clay. When permission for building came, the men and boys worked for Mr. Woodside in the forenoons, building a house for his family and a small one for me. Afternoons they worked on their own houses, mostly one-roomed houses, which were used afterwards as the kitchens.

In August the woman's conference was held at Ochileso, and all enjoyed the informality of camp life and the luxury of hot mineral baths. The native delegates, as well as the missionary ladies, were glad to wash off the dust and smoke of travel, for the country had just been burned over. During the conference the native delegates were sheltered in huts, while several tents were used by the missionaries with one large hut, which four of us occupied during the meetings, and which was my home for a month afterwards.

While we were still in camp Mrs. Woodside and I made several trips to villages two or three hours away, to get better acquainted with the women than we could by seeing them for a few minutes when they brought food to sell, and to show them we came among them as friends. We would go on Saturday afternoon with two of the Christian young men who were going

to the villages round about for evangelistic services. One of them carried our bedding and food, but we walked for the exercise and that we might better enjoy the country and the flowers which were so numerous at that time of year. We had a general meeting in the evening around a fire in the center of the village, and afterwards visited with the women until bedtime. We would start back quite early next morning, sometimes before our boys were ready to go, but once we got badly lost and climbed the wrong mountain. We found ourselves, but were very tired from the extra climbing. A number of the village people would come back with us to the Sunday service.

The rains had begun before we were able to enter our houses, but we were soon safely housed, and then attention was turned to building a church and schoolhouse. The grass and sticks used in the Woodsides' shed were taken to the place selected for the schoolhouse, more material was gathered, and the building was finished in a few days. There was not enough grass to be had, for the country had been burned over before sufficient thatching grass had been cut, but when it did not rain we were very comfortable. If a rain came suddenly while we were in school the teachers hurriedly collected the books, and if there was time for the pupils to get to their houses before it rained hard they were dismissed, as there was not much protection in the schoolhouse. A double door for the schoolhouse was made by an old man on the station of bunches of grass woven with bark string and tied to stick frames, but these doors were only used in stormy weather as they made the room too dark. There were two small windows covered with the unbleached trade cloth. The blackboards were hung to the beams supporting the roof, but even then they were almost too low to use comfortably. One hand had to steady the cloth while you wrote with the other. But in spite of difficulties a good deal of work was done that first year in kindergarten and afternoon schools, and a number coming from villages were taught to read. This building also served as church that first year, but the next year the Woodsides built their permanent home and their former house became the church and schoolhouse. It has since been enlarged, but is still too small for the growing congregations, and we hope soon to have a real church.

Early in the wet season of that year a leopard was caught in a trap, after he had caught two young oxen, a goat and a dog on the station. A hyena was also caught, but the wild animals in that vicinity are beginning to be afraid of civilization. Many antelope were killed the next dry season and since, and we enjoy this meat better than any other. The men and women were very busy the first year getting their fields under cultivation, and there

was much hard work for all, but they worked cheerfully, and none would have gone back to Sakanjimba or their home villages under any consideration. Some are going now to teach their relatives and friends, and we are glad to plant village schools wherever it is possible and desirable.

If you could see Ochilesso Station now after four or five years, instead of a few small houses and huts, you would find a pretty little town with its neat rows of houses, broad streets and many fruit and shade trees everywhere. There are now three houses for the missionaries, as Mr. and Mrs. Neipp have become identified with the work at Ochilesso. But the greatest change has been in the growth of character in the native Christians and the changed life of many villagers, who have turned from heathen ways to travel henceforth in the Way of Life.

A BUSY YEAR IN WILLIAMS HOSPITAL

PANG CHUANG MEDICAL WORK

From the Annual Report of North China Mission, from Drs. F. F. and E. B. Tucker:—

A DISTINCT change in the class of patients has been noticed during the year; more particularly in the last few months, the women thronged upon us until the floors, masons' hovel, guest hall, servants' rooms and sometimes the veranda have offered meager shelter. It is with the most earnest thanksgiving that we learn of the early prospect for a Porter Hospital for women at Pang Chuang. The average stay of the patients has been longer than at any time for these thirty years. This means disappearing prejudice, a willingness to listen as well as something of a desire to ingest and to digest all that we have to offer.

During 1907 there were 541 in-patients, a remarkable number for a country hospital. The youth with the hare lip, the man with a large tumor on the back of his head, and the young woman with tubercular glands, came for professional attention that they might be made marriageable, but the reasons usually were more serious.

The first aim of the medical arm of the service is to acquaint the sick and their attendants with Christianity, in which aim success is often vouchsafed. However most of the patients are dull and do not quickly grasp new ideas. Just before the usual prayer preceding an operation the patient was asked what prayer is. He answered, "Beseeching the doctor to cure me." He learned to look higher. As to fearing the knife, daily do we hear the petition to operate, when it is quite out of the question. Cod liver has been sold at cost and ten times the usual quantity has been used.

The Orient is fully as resourceful in remedies as the Occident, and alas that the bane of patent medicines from otherwise civilized countries is now multiplying the ills of the "middle kingdom." "Have you an American egg?" asks the half-blind incubator manager from 271 li to the north. "No, American eggs acquire an odor if kept too long. Why do you ask?" "Because I've been told that if I ate a chick hatched from an American egg, my eyes would get well." Not all American eggs have such a savory reputation. His eyes, ruined in his crude incubating rooms by using them as delicate test fields for egg temperature, will never be normal, but his stay here opened his "heart eyes" even more than his fleshly orbs. A small boy with an extensive laceration of the leg from a dog bite had been treated by burning some of the hair of the dog, mixing the ashes with oil and rubbing the mixture into the wounds, which naturally made it harder for us to secure a prompt and good result.

One of the most pressing needs is a corps of evangelists on fire with love for their God-appointed work. The patients and their attendants are unfettered by the allurements a city would afford, and an attractive gospel is sure to take root in some of the lame, the halt and the blind, whose afflictions thus become their salvation.

From J. H. Ingram:—

It is probable that ninety out of every one hundred patients have applied to witches or other supernatural powers for relief before coming to the Dispensary. At present there are several patients in the Hospital who have told their experiences in this line. A little boy came with his mother who was caring for a daughter. The boy is wearing the garb of a priest. This he has done since he was a year old. His mother says that his body, at that time, became abnormally cool, and she, fearing that it might be the beginning of some deadly disease, took him to a temple and vowed that she would dedicate him to the priesthood. Among children there are two kinds of priests, they both wear the distinctive dress: one is a true priest who is to remain such for life, the other is to remain a priest until he has recovered from disease and is old enough to "jump over the wall," and after this the vow is absolved. The first kind or true priests live in the temple, but the temporary priests are taken home after arrangements are settled.

In this case the mother promised to give a donkey to the temple after ten years, or when the boy is eleven years of age: he then must go to the temple where he will knock his head to the priest, burn incense before the gods, jump over a bench and escape out of the temple court, while the priest makes false efforts at catching him: this is done in order to deceive the gods, they are supposed to regard the efforts of the priest as genuine, and

thus his standing in their estimation is in no wise impaired. His jumping over the bench is called "jumping the wall," and the common term for these boys is, "the priests who jump the wall." There are thousands of children in this vicinity who are dressed as priests with the expectation that the gods of pestilence will be deceived by the garb and spare them from disease and death. The deception, superstition and economy of this line of treatment appeals to the people, but it sears the conscience and fosters falsehood alike in the parent and the child.

Mrs. Marion Webster writes from Bailundu, W. C. Africa, May 6, 1908:—

YESTERDAY we had a day off in all the schools because of rain. It rained all day long and most of the night. A rainy day is unusual at any time, but especially so at this season. It had not rained a drop for quite three weeks, and was so much like the beginning of the dry season that we had about given up hope of seeing any more. We are never anxious for the rains to stop, and shall be glad if they continue for a while yet. It cannot be for long though, for only once since I have been in the country has it rained after the middle of May. This year may be one of the exceptions. This morning a little girl about three years of age was brought here in a dying condition, having been taken ill suddenly when they were on the way to the fields. She only lived about ten minutes after they got here. Mr. Bell suspected poisoning, but the mother declared the child had had nothing. However later inquiry among our own people revealed the fact that the child had been ailing slightly, and the mother had that morning before starting for the fields given it some native medicine, which she had prepared the day before. I don't suppose she gave it with any intention of killing her child, but gave too strong a dose. They have many native remedies, many of them very good, which they prepare from herbs and roots, but some of them are deadly poison, and have to be used with care. This poor woman evidently did not know what she was using. She is the wife of a slave and lives at the village of a half white man, not far from here. Her husband is this man's slave.

We are beginning to think and plan for the Woman's Conference which meets this year at Okapango, one of the stations of the English mission, in Bihe. The date is June 17th to 19th. I expect to attend and so will Miss Campbell. It is hardly worth her while to come home for a short time before, so she will stay there until then. We from here will go by Ochileso and pick up their party by the way. Four or five women from here will go with me, and I hope to get two from the Epanda out-station to go too. Mr. and Mrs. Bell will hold the fort here alone while we are gone. I do

not intend to come right back but will spend two or three weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. Neipp. Miss Campbell, too, will probably visit somewhere, and then later we will come home together. It is a long journey to Okapango, eight days, but we will have a break at Ochileso, staying there over Sunday.

I think I told you I had a paper to prepare for the conference. I finished the first draft of it a few days ago. Now I want to go over it with one of the women before I copy it. The subject is "Osokoloke." It means, going back, slipping as rafters in a house. The word applies both to spiritual and temporal things. There is a great tendency among these people to do that very thing. They will take up something new with enthusiasm, but their interest soon lags and they drop back into the old ways again. It is the same with their Christian life. Many make a good beginning, start out well, but they soon come to a standstill and apparently make no progress. The object of my paper is to point out to them this tendency and warn them against it.

CHINA

From a letter from Miss Mary Porter of Peking:—

The wife of Duke Te, whom many of us know well, has been excused from her duties as one of the ladies in waiting at the Palace for two years because of ill health. Two weeks ago she went to the London Mission Hospital for an operation, which has been successfully performed. The Empress Dowager gave her hearty consent, and understood well that there was no lady physician there but that her nephew's wife was to be in the hands of foreign gentlemen. The thing above all which fills our hearts with joy is that the Duchess welcomed the opportunity thus given for learning more of Christian truth. A lovely woman pupil in our training school for two years is there in attendance upon patients, and read and prayed daily with the Duchess during the days of waiting. Just before the operation she was asked to go in for special prayer for the success of the surgeon's work. The Duke was present, and knelt with his wife while this loving hearted Christian woman commended them and their children to their Heavenly Father.

Princess Su's sister asked me the last time I met her if we would not invite her here this year for our Christmas service, as she wanted to see and hear how we kept the sacred day. I trust we may have such a service as shall impress her.

TURKEY

From a recent personal letter from Mrs. Christie, of Tarsus, we extract the following interesting items:—

You may be sure we were glad to have Dr. Christie return to us after his long absence. Only one in my place could understand how much it meant to me to be relieved from the care and responsibility that had weighed me down for more than a year. One of his reasons for hastening home was that he wanted to be here and share the joy of our people over the wonder-

ful political change that came about so suddenly and unexpectedly. It still seems almost too good to be true, and the former state of affairs like an ugly dream.

If we had the money we could do anything we liked now, and we are sure to have Moslem boys begging for admittance to the Institute and we are so over-flowingly full that we could not find a comfortable place for even one!

While Dr. Christie was away we used his study to help us out but now that he is in it himself again we are as badly off as ever for dormitory room, not to speak of recitation rooms. We had a zinc roof to shelter the stone-cutters from the sun and heat, and last week we had the sides inclosed and the floor levelled with dry sand and now a dozen boys use this shed as a dormitory. In another shed a lot of cedar boards are seasoning for use in our half-finished building. These we have arranged in piles and are using them as bedsteads for our late comers. We also have an overflow into several tents.

Such are the straits to which we are reduced. So do you wonder that we are impatient to finish our new hall? Dr. Christie had assurances of help for next year. We need \$50,000 at least, but could wait for a part of it. Oh for \$10,000 to finish the hall, now, to-day! Sometimes I am ready to say we must have it as a condition of going on with the work. Still I know that nothing will stop us while life and health remain. We shall do our best with what we have, even if we cannot get one cent in addition. Dr. Christie picked up small sums here and there, and particularly a few more scholarships which I am trying to assign judiciously.

It will interest you to know that five of our graduates this last summer graduated from Marash, and that everyone of these is already at work in the field. One of them is preaching in a city church and has two classes (Bible and Ethics) in Aintab College during the absence of the president.

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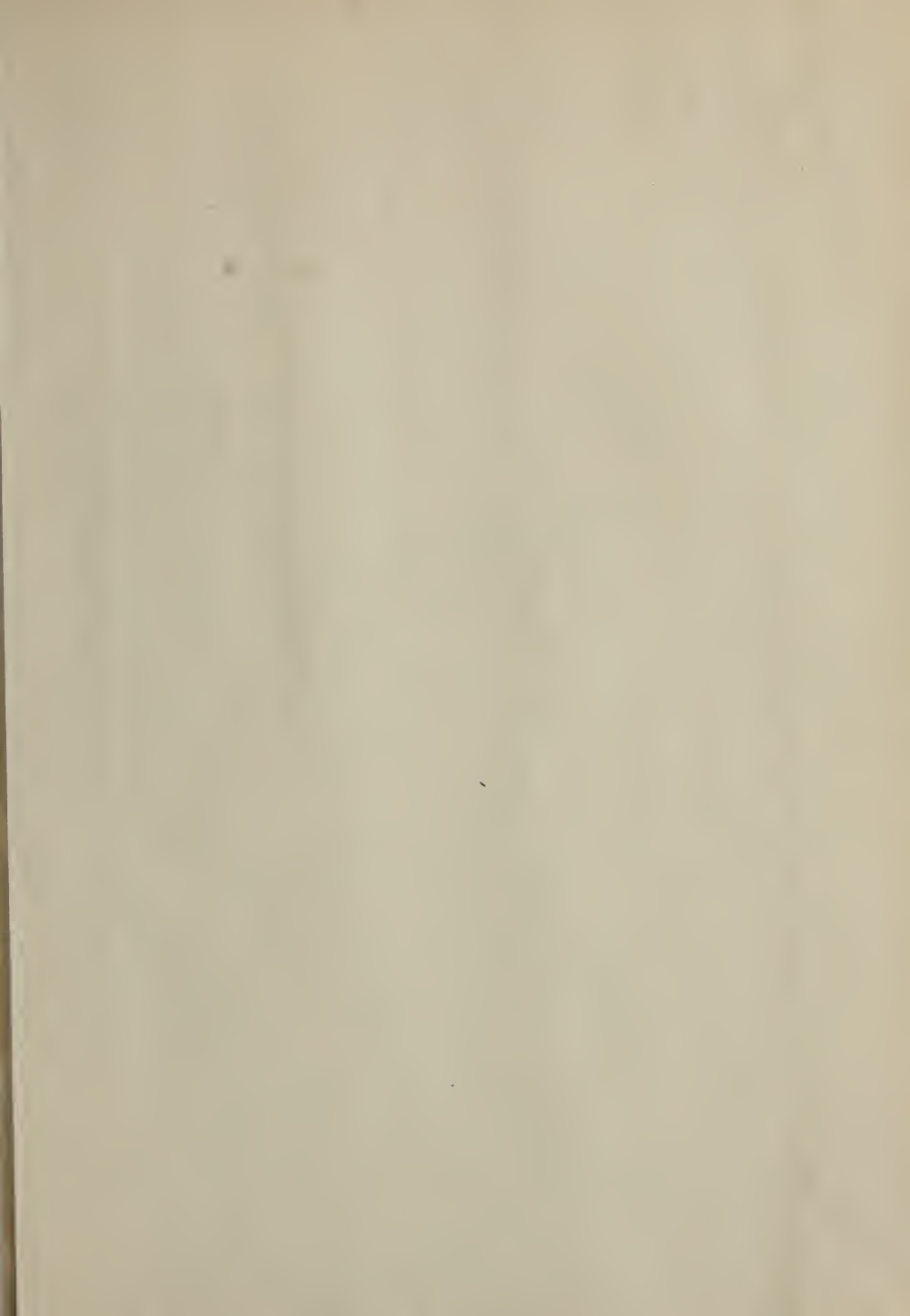
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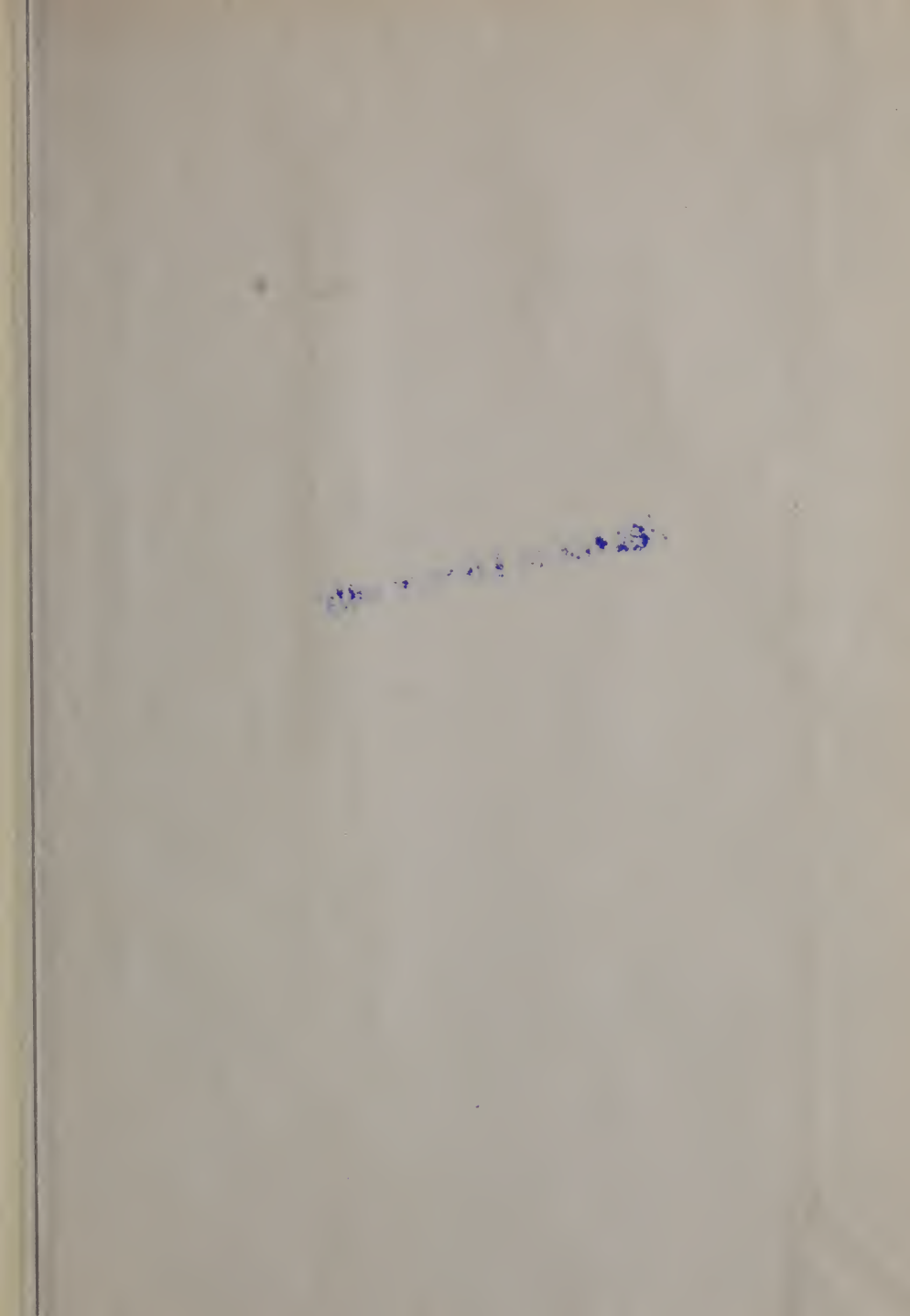
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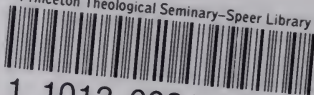
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